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Honorable Roger Hilsman
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Roger:

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 January which I found on my desk upon returning from my recent trip south.

I greatly appreciate having your comments and want to assure you I hadn't considered it at all likely that you had ever made any such statement as that attributed to you.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John A. McCone
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
WASHINGTON

JAN 31 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John A. McCone
Chairman, United States Intelligence
Board

SUBJECT : Release of NIE Material to NATO

Recently the Italian delegation to the North Atlantic Council asked for an exchange of information in the Political Advisor's Committee regarding Communist China's progress toward an independent nuclear capability.

The Department of State would like to find a way to satisfy the Italian request. Italy's participation in the 18 Nation Disarmament Group has apparently spurred that country's interest in Bloc nuclear and advanced weapons development. United States action in furnishing the Italians and other NATO members with an assessment of Bloc progress in these critical areas would be a clearcut implementation of Secretary Rusk's pledge at Oslo of increased political consultation with our NATO allies.

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Could we discuss this matter at an early USIB meeting?


Roger Hilsman

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